Remarks

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of **February 9, 2005**. Reexamination and reconsideration of **claims 1-10 and 18-36** is respectfully requested.

Summary of The Office Action

Claims 1-10, and 18-36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Miyahara et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,314,213 B1).

The Present Claims Patentably Distinguish Over the References of Record

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 recites that the user interface being configured to receive the object from the software application without having to scan the object from a hard copy image. Miyahara fails to teach or suggest the claimed user interface because Miyahara teaches a copying machine that obtains an original image by scanning a hard copy (see column 1, lines 14-16; or column 5, lines 9-11 "image reader unit 101"; or column 7, lines 5-7 "scanner unit 3"; or column 11, lines 65-66 "scanner unit 1101"). Therefore, Miyahara requires scanning a document before it can apply a shadow and thus, fails to teach or suggest claim 1.

Since claim 1 recites features not taught or suggested by the reference, claim 1 patentably distinguishes over the reference. Accordingly, dependent claims 2-10 also patentably distinguish over the reference and are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 18

Claim 18 recites receiving the predetermined object from the software application without having to scan the predetermined object. As previously explained, Miyahara teaches a system and method that relies on a scanner to scan an input document. Therefore, Miyahara fails to teach or suggest the method recited in claim 18 and claim 18 patentably distinguishes over the

reference of record. Accordingly, dependent claims 19-26 also patentably distinguish over the reference and are in condition for allowance.

Dependent claim 19 further recites displaying an actuatable icon for a selectable shadow length and rendering the shadow having the selected shadow length. Miyahara does not mention allowing for the selection of the shadow length, and thus fails to teach or suggest claim 19. For this additional reason, claim 19 patentably distinguishes over Miyahara.

Independent Claim 27

Claim 27 recites rendering a display of a predetermined object on the menu, where the predetermined object is inputted without being scanned. Based on the teachings of Miyahara, it fails to teach or suggest the recited features of claim 27 since Miyahara requires scanning of a document prior to applying a shadow. Accordingly, dependent claims 28-33 also patentably distinguish over the reference and are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 34

Claim 34 recites initiating the user interface in response to a print function for printing a document that is generated by a software program without having to scan the document. For similar reasons explained previously, Miyahara fails to teach or suggest claim 34. Therefore, claim 34 patentably distinguishes over Miyahara and is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, dependent claims 35-36 also patentably distinguish over the reference and are in condition for allowance.
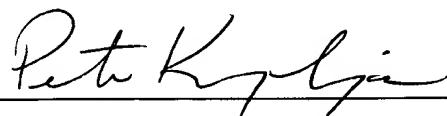
Conclusion

For the reasons set forth above, **claims 1-10** and **18-36** patentably and unobviously distinguish over the references of record and are now in condition for allowance. An early allowance of all claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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